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MEMORANDUM FOR: Economic Intelligence Committee

SUBJECT : Annual Report of EIC Subcommittee on Minerals
and Metals for FY 1961

REFERENCE : EIC-D-435, Subcommittee Annual Reports for
Fiscal Year 1961

A. Activities of the Subcommittee During the Fiscal Year

1. Research and Collection Deficiencies

The Subcommittee has considered statements of gaps in intelligence and of information needs as follows:
Gaps in Intelligence on the Ferrous Metallurgical Industry of the USSR.
Gaps in Intelligence on the Nonferrous Metals and Minerals Industry of Poland and East Germany.
Information Needs on the Ferrous Metallurgical Industries of Hungary, North Korea, Poland, Rumania, and Czechoslovakia.
Information Needs on the Nonferrous Metals and Minerals Industry of Rumania, Czechoslovakia, and Albania.

These statements were deemed to be suitable for use by the intelligence community as representative of Priority Collection Deficiencies in the Subcommittee's purview.

No specific research deficiencies are noted by the Subcommittee.

2. Maintenance of Agreed Basic Statistics

Agreement was reached on Sino-Soviet production, by country, of the following minerals and metals:

Iron ore
Manganese
Pig iron
Crude steel
Chrome
Tungsten
Nickel
Molybdenum
Cobalt
Primary aluminum

Bauxite
Refined copper
Lead
Tin metal
Refined zinc
Cadmium metal
Mercury
Primary magnesium
Sulfur

These estimates are published in the Economic Intelligence Statistical Handbook, 1960.

3. Special Coordination Functions of the Subcommittee

The Subcommittee provided support for the USIB Committee on Exchanges in connection with proposals for exchanges of copper and aluminum delegations between the US and the USSR. The Subcommittee considered the intelligence implications of proposed itineraries and concluded that the exchanges would be of net advantage to the US.

4. Evaluation of the Role of the Subcommittee

The Subcommittee serves primarily as a convenient means of meeting the varying ad hoc needs of its membership for intelligence on the minerals and metals industries of the Sino-Soviet Bloc. As few Subcommittee members are engaged in comprehensive research in this field, plenary meetings are infrequent.

B. Future Program of the Subcommittee

The Subcommittee will review research and collection deficiencies and maintain agreed basic statistics in its field and will continue to be available for consultation among its members and for such other purposes as the EIC may direct or the needs of the intelligence community may indicate.

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